

Application Serial No. 10/159,379, filed May 31, 2002, entitled "Fabrication Of A Waveguide Taper Through Ion Implantation" by M. Salib *et al.*: --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-24 without waiver or prejudice.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted concurrently with a new divisional application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/159,238, filed May 31, 2002. Claims 10-24, which were elected in the parent case in response to a restriction, are canceled in this preliminary amendment. Claims 1-9 remain pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of all pending claims.

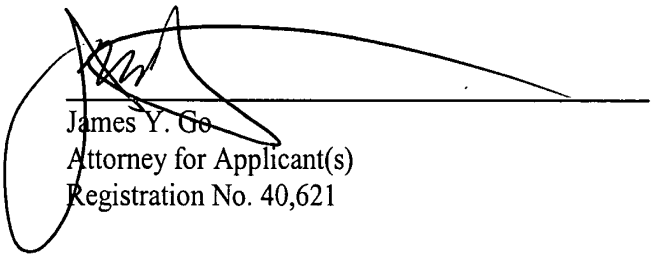
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